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1. The harbor at Melnik (N49-51, E17-46) was constructed and put into use in 1937. Since then, apart from two added warehouses, nothing has changed. There is not much activity in the harbor at present; mostly rice and salt are unloaded there. Four ships can be loaded at the same time and the harbor can take ships up to 1,600 tons. About 70 men are permanently employed at the harbor. 25X1

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Legend for the attached sketch:

- (1) Harbor canal branching off the east bank of the Elbe River and running due east for about 350 m., then dividing into two branches. Both branches are about 400 m. long and 60 m. wide and run parallel in a southeastern direction. The mouth of the canal is about 40 m. wide and 4 m. deep. Of the two branches the western forms the proper harbor. The sides of this branch are concreted. On the peninsula, which is about 100 m. wide and 400 m. long between the two branches, are loading cranes and reloading installations.
- (2) Branch railroad line, which branches off from the Melnik railroad station, runs around the northern outskirts of the town, then closely follows the eastern bank of the Elbe with one branch and fans out into the peninsula with the other branch.
- (3) Branch railroad line leading into a former sawmill, now converted into a shipbuilding installation.

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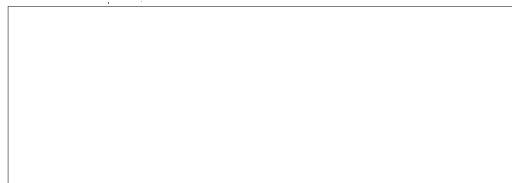
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- (4) Four electric cranes, Skoda type, carrying capacity 3.5 tons, installed since 1937.
- (5) Two warehouses, brick, one story only, each 110 x 40 m.; the first was built in 1937, the second in 1942. Each contains a small apartment for the warehouseman.
- (6) Electric transformer for the harbor.
- (7) Warehouse building for reloading, built of corrugated metal with iron framework, 70 x 30 m. The building is used when the harbor is full and was erected specifically for this purpose during the war.
- (8) Customs and CSPL0 (Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation) offices, comprising a small, brick, one-story customs office and, next to it, a smaller wooden building for CSPL0 office.
- (9) Stores belonging formerly to the Vacuum Oil Company and having underground tanks.
- (10) New shipbuilding installation, built between 1950 and March 1954. It is a reinforced concrete building, about 150 x 60 m. The shipway runs from north to south into the eastern branch of the harbor canal.
- (11) Former sawmill, later used for the manufacture of Perun washing machines, now converted into a shipbuilding installation, brick, about 80 x 40 m. Pontoons for the army are built there at present; later it is to be used as a repair shop for the CSPL0 ships. Up to now about 400 workers have been employed there. Parts for dredgers for export to the USSR were also to be made there.



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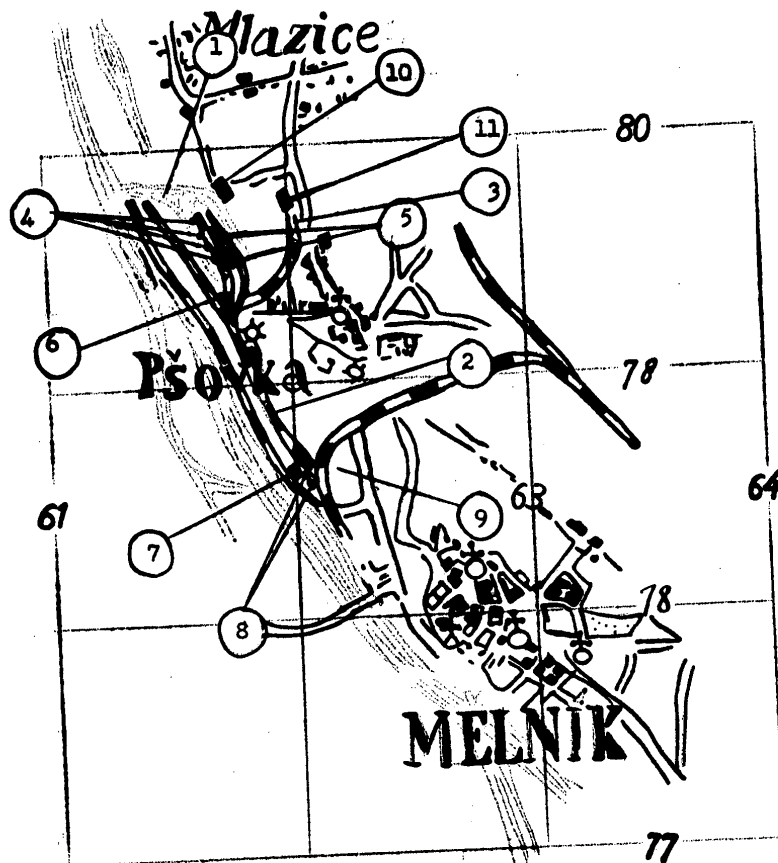
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